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Dear Josh:

We received your manuscript a couple of days ago; and, needless to say, we thought it most interesting and informative. I think that you have summarized the various explanations for the L-phenomena quite well and completely.

The one point which we think relevant, which you have omitted in your discussions, concerns the distinction between 3A and 3B L-colonies. However, even in this we may eventually find ourselves in agreement with you; because the distinction between these two forms, according to our latest experiments, may turn out to be more apparent than real.

Thanks a lot for sending us the manuscript. We will be happy to hear from you whenever you are ready to share nature's recently uncovered secrets with the outside world. Within the limitations set by Fort Detrick, we will certainly do the same.

Sincerely yours,

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